

EIGHT-HOUR LAW FULLY OBSERVED

Farmers of Rhea Work Eight Hours Before and Eight Hours After Noon.

(Special to The News.)
Graysville, March 4.—"We are strictly observing the eight-hour law eight hours before noon and eight hours after noon," is the statement of a farmer of this vicinity. "We have every reason to believe that the overtime will take care of itself a little later on in increased production."

"We have two substantial reasons," he continued, "for the extra effort we are making this year to produce more food. One is, we relieve our own pockets, and the other is prompted by patriotic motives."

"For a long time we had suspicions that the weather man was in collusion with the kaiser, but if he continues to make good, he ought not to be interned."

"The day is past when our farmers will take positions on soap-boxes and inform the president how to run the country. We will be busy raising food for our boys, and then we can buy liberty bonds—at least that is our duty."

For some years this section has practiced intensive farming with profit. Horticulture and berry raising are profitable industries.

All indications, so far, point to a splendid fruit and berry crop, according to old wiseacres. There are many large peach orchards in this vicinity in fine bearing form. The trees are sprayed and well taken care of. Insects, the mortal enemy of fruit trees, are eradicated in their embryonic stage.

Fruit from this section commands the top of the market, and even with a surplus over the country, always finds a ready sale.

One advantage with these crops is that they can be largely gathered by women and girls, and that is some big advantage when war is on.

TWO MILD CASES OF SMALLPOX REPORTED

(Special to The News.)
Soddy, March 4.—Two more mild cases of smallpox developed here Saturday, being members of the same family as the one dismissed last week. This is the third case, all in the same family. It is thought to be isolated and no general spreading is anticipated.

FARMERS LAY PLANS FOR BIG PLANTAGE

(Special to The News.)
Daisy, March 4.—Preparations are in full swing to lay out a large crop of all kinds as can be cultivated and harvested. Hands for farm work are very scarce and no preparation of the soil could be made until the last few days. Labor-saving machinery is coming into more general use wherever found practicable. Usually at this time in election years politics is a headline, but now the progress of the war and the raising of big crops are the centers of attraction.

REPUBLICANS OF M'INNIN NAME COUNTY TICKET

(Special to The News.)
Athens, March 4.—Saturday, the republicans of McMinn county held a primary and nominated their candidates for the various county offices to be filled in August.

The day was an ideal one for an election and a heavy vote was polled, considering the fact that several hundred of the republican voters are now in the training camps and at the front.

Interest centered in the races for county clerk and sheriff. G. K. Lindgren for clerk was re-nominated by a majority of 168 over John Raines and G. B. Bookout, Raines running second.

For sheriff, I. S. Lawson was nominated for the second term by a majority of 121. C. H. Bivins was second and R. Barker third.

W. E. Crow for register won over five opponents by a majority of 248. Frank Rowland was his nearest opponent.

W. E. Carroll for trustee and J. M. Key for tax assessor had no opposition for their offices.

Sewing Circle With Much Whispering

We Are All Greatly Indebted to Those Who Tell Their Experiences.



Before the arrival of the stark terror much to talk about. The comfort of the expectant mother is the chief topic, and there is sure to be someone who has used or knows of that splendid external help—Mother's Friend.

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INTO THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW, AND BACK WITH BRESSAC, FRENCH PRIVATE

For a While Bressac Didn't Care Whether He Lived or Died—But Who Could Die With Villiers and Ruvel and Etienne Hanging Around Just to Keep Heroes From Dying?

(By George Randolph Chester and Lillian Chester.)
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Paris, March 4.—Bressac lay listlessly in his little white cot in the little white room, oblivious to all the sounds of the big hospital. His eyes were staring at the dim, high ceiling, and his hand lay motionless on the coverlet. The only movement in him was at regular intervals of about fifteen minutes, when his brows knotted tensely, after which he closed his eyes for a while.

Dimly he could distinguish the half dozen other men of the detachment, Coulon in the lead, standing out a little way from the rest; and Coulon, advancing and peering all about him for stray sharpshooters who might be concealed in heavens knows what mud-hole, was bending his elbow regularly and putting something in his mouth. He was eating a piece of bread.

Suddenly there was a veer in the direction of the sound of the machine gun fire, and Coulon fell face downward, and lay perfectly still. A man came running from the group of which Coulon had been a part. It was Lieut. Lombardin followed by the rest of his men, and, as he passed Bressac and Jamet and Maupeta, he called out:

"Over there they are!" Just that. No dramatics about Lombardin.

They all ran after him, stumbling over strands of half buried barbed wire and scrambling down into little declivities, and up on the other side; and suddenly, through the mist, they came in sight of an old shell crater which had been supplied with very carefully concealed fortifications, and from there three machine guns were pumping at the scattered Frenchmen, with all possible vim.

"Here the are!" cried Lieut. Lombardin triumphantly, and, with his pistol in his hand, led the way straight into that murderous fire.

The man next to Bressac dropped, as they ran aside by side. It was Jamet. He was Bressac's best friend. The man just ahead of Bressac fell, rose, staggered forward, jumped for the crater, and tumbled over and over down into it.

That was Lombardin. There were half a dozen of them rushing together right at the edge of the crater, when Bressac suddenly ceased to remember, to know, to feel, to exist.

So, then, was a thistledown, and bent over him, her wide, stiff black cap sticking out in the dimness like wings.

The director came in, a lean old fellow, with a grizzled bald head and a fringe of white hair, and the wrinkles of humor around his eyes. He, too, gazed down at Bressac contemptuously; but he was a man who had inside eyes as well as outside eyes, and had seen countless Bressacs since this war began.

"Good evening, Bressac." In a very gentle tone, one calculated not to arouse a sleeper.

No movement.

"The doctor says you are getting on splendidly for so short a time after your operation, Bressac."

An irresistible flutter of weariness. "You're going to recover nicely, the doctor says. How do you feel?"

The eyelids relaxed. Bressac was going back to the fog automatically. "Well, have you got in a couple of weeks, Bressac, my boy?"

The director studied Bressac with his inside eyes, then he hunted the doctor in those upper wards where stupor and pain and fever held sway over the white coats.

"Is it safe to move Bressac?"

"When?"

"Tonight."

The doctor stroked his beard and surveyed the director. They had a great deal of confidence in each other.

"I'll see." A slight pause. "Bressac. Bressac. He needs Ruvel and Villiers and Hamotague and Joisseau and Etienne." He rattled it off like a prescription.

Bressac awoke as usual, in the cold, gray fog. He was with Jamet and Maupeta. From some place nearby came the purr of machine gun fire.

No. There was something wrong with the sound this time.

His room was larger, much larger; there was another bed by the side of his, and in it a French soldier with a hair and a bristling black mustache, and a wide grin which disclosed the fact that two front teeth were missing. This was Villiers, and he had a mandolin.

"Allot!" said Villiers, cordially, catching Bressac's eye. Villiers had been learning English in the trenches, and enjoyed the accomplishment.

A laugh from the door, where leaned a saucy pair with a rakish cap and a cluster in his mouth.

"Say your other American word, Villiers." Invited this polli in French. He was Etienne, and there was a medal on his chest.

"Good-by!" obliged Villiers gaily.

"Play Monsieur Bressac your new selection, Villiers," invited another voice, a very well cultivated voice in deed; and the other corner of the room, a light-haired, slender-faced young fellow, with the very finest of colorless mustaches, sitting up in bed energetically weaving a French war-hat, splendidly camouflaged, out of colored straw.

"Permit me," offered the incontinent Etienne from the doorway. "Monsieur Bressac, I have the honor to present Monsieur Hamotague, and the sleeping knot who is Joisseau. I have also the honor to present Monsieur Ruvel, who is the president of this room by unanimous action. Monsieur Ruvel, I have the great honor to present Monsieur Bressac."

"I am happy to welcome Monsieur Bressac," said President Ruvel. "Can you sing, Monsieur?"

"Good!" exclaimed the president, and they all laughed. "Villiers sings, when we permit it, and one such is enough. The grin on the face of Villiers was born and bred to see. He grinned just as well having one leg as if he had two.

"Am I permitted?" he inquired, touching a preliminary chord on his mandolin.

"Not immediately on the arrival of any new member," declared President Ruvel firmly, whereat they all laughed. It took very little to make these fellows laugh. "But you may play your new selection."

"Good," laughed Villiers, displaying the gap in his grin, and taking up his mandolin, from which the "E" string was missing, he systematically picked out notes by note an air with which all the world is familiar, under various names; the fundamental ragtime tune.

"I have only played the mandolin one month, since I have been here," explained Villiers with native pride.

"I have another song," whereupon he played it, but no one could guess the name, much less Bressac, who was now asleep.

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laughter. He looked around quickly. Joisseau was back, and was playing a game of Jaquet with Hamotague; and Villiers, from across the room, was the uninvited referee. A droll fellow, that Villiers, and Bressac smiled; smiling.

The sister came in to bring the flowers for that room.

"Oh, Monsieur Bressac!" she said, glowing with pleasure. "You are better!"

"Yes, thank you," returned Bressac. A gentle-faced sister seemed to have fallen on the room.

It seemed full of peace.

Oh, this was a good place to be, this hospital of France, run on the basis of gentleness and cheerfulness, run on the basis that putting men together raised their spirits, roused them from their lethargy, made them want to live, gave them renewed interest in life and in the things it meant.

Efficiency! The memory of the very word made Bressac's temper come up, his first temper since he had been wounded.

If the boche were to have his way, if he were to establish his dominion over France, for instance, and German Kultur and efficiency were to supplant all this gentleness and cheerfulness and human fellowship, and men here, as in Germany, were to be reduced to mere automatons without hearts and emotions, had seen countless Bressacs since this war began.

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"THEY SHALL NOT PASS," SAY POLUS

French Premier Impressed by Confidence and Brilliant Fighting of Americans.

Paris, Sunday, March 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Clemenceau visited the American troops today and reviewed the soldiers who repulsed the German attack Friday. The premier left Paris Saturday evening and returned this evening, when the following semi-official note was issued:

"The president of the council desires personally to congratulate the American troops in the sector where they have just repelled brilliantly a strong enemy attack. The battalion which took part in this operation was reviewed by the premier, in whose presence the general commanding the army decorated with the war cross certain officers and privates whose bravery has been particularly remarkable.

Reflected Great Honor.

"This check to the enemy attack was, moreover, far more severe than first information showed. The American government had modestly announced that some of the enemy had been killed and some made prisoner. As a matter of fact, the least reconnaissance have shown that in addition to these losses the German lost quite a large number of corpses between the lines.

"It was a very fine success, reflecting great honor on the tenacity of the American infantry and the accuracy of their military fire, which have thus shown they are capable of attaining the maximum effect from the French material which they have adopted.

"After visiting the field hospital, where he admired the morale of the wounded, the premier went to the front lines to examine the scene of this operation. During his conversation with American generals, officers and privates, the premier noted in every one a feeling of absolute confidence, which, if possible, has been heightened by the brilliant results of their first army meeting with the enemy, over which our allies have thus clearly shown their superiority.

"The premier also saw on his way some of our troops at rest. He conversed with the officers and men, warmly congratulating and encouraging them. Our polus had but one reply:

"They shall not pass."

Impressed by U. S. Army.

Premier Clemenceau, on his return to Paris, was too occupied to give the Associated Press an interview on his visit, but a prominent government official who accompanied the premier said:

"I cannot, of course, say what section the premier visited, nor give any military detail, but my gallant Gen. Pershing came to meet him and accompanied him on a private visit. The premier made an altogether excellent impression on the premier. He found the men in perfect physical condition and their morale thoroughly satisfactory, showing calculation, their sense and intelligence, their courage and their determination to win the war. The premier was struck by the fine bearing of your officers and their skill in handling their men, and also by the extreme cordiality of their relations with their French comrades."

M'ADOO ANNOUNCES LIBERTY LOAN DAY

April 6 Named to Consecrate First Anniversary of U. S. Entry Into War.

Washington, March 4.—Secretary McAdoo authorized the following:

"The campaign for the third liberty loan will be opened on the 6th of April, 1918, the first anniversary of the declaration of a state of war between the United States and Germany.

"The amount, terms and conditions of the loan have not yet been decided because these features are dependent upon the further legislation. I expect to ask the congress at an early date to grant the necessary authority. Of course, the opening date of the campaign is somewhat dependent upon the new legislation, but it is hoped and believed that the matter can be considered and determined in a reasonable time to begin the campaign on the date suggested.

"April 6 will forever be a consecrated day in American history, and it seems peculiarly appropriate that the opening of the second year of our participation in this war for the honor and rights of America and the freedom of the world should be celebrated with a nation-wide drive for another liberty loan.

"The campaign should begin with great demonstration of patriotism in every city, town and hamlet in the country that will truly express the spirit of aroused America. On this date every American should pledge anew his resources and his full measure of his government's support to make every required sacrifice in the same fervent spirit that impels our gallant sons in the trenches of France and on the waters of the Atlantic to shed their blood in America's sacred cause.

"To carry forward America's essential part in this war for righteousness and justice, every man and woman in the country must lend their available means to the government, and I know of no more fitting time for such a patriotic response to the call of duty than the beginning of the second year of the war.

"The campaign in all probability will last three or four weeks, and announcement of the opening date is made at this moment in accordance with my promise to make public all matters connected with the loan as soon as determined and in order that ample time may be given every community to prepare for the event.

"I earnestly hope that parades and patriotic meetings will be held in all parts of the country. The treasury department will endeavor to make the observance of the anniversary of the declaration of war as memorable as was the patriotic observance during the second liberty loan campaign of Liberty day on the 24th of October, 1917."

PROPOSE TO ESTABLISH FLEET OF STEEL BARGES

Mobile, Ala., March 4.—The committee of experts composed of Charles Bontecou and A. J. Mason, special examiners for the United States shipping board, have recommended, according to news from Washington today, the expenditure of \$21,000,000 at once for the establishment of a fleet of 100 steel barges at tow boats to be put on the Warrior river as soon as possible to carry coal for bunker purposes from the Alabama mines to Mobile and New Orleans.

CALL ISSUED FOR SKILLED WORKMEN

Machinists Needed at Once for Aviation Section of Signal Corps.

Washington, March 4.—Call was issued today for 10,000 machinists, mechanics, chauffeurs and other skilled workmen needed at once by the aviation section of the signal corps. It was stated, and announcement was made that additional increments must be obtained from the same classes in the near future.

"Men registered in the draft," said the announcement, "may be inducted into this service by applying to their local draft board. Men not registered may enlist at any recruiting office."

The present call is especially for machinists, auto mechanics, engine repairmen, gunsmiths, chauffeurs, carpenters, blacksmiths, tinsmiths, cabinet makers, electricians, coopersmiths, sheet metal workers, propeller makers, wireless operators and constructors, tailors, tent makers, sail makers, truck masters, vulcanizers, welders and makers, repairers and installers of machines, ignition systems, cameras, watches, clocks, instruments and typewriters.

LOSSES BY FIRE LAST YEAR MADE NEW RECORD

Onerous Feature Shown in Recent Increase in Number of Incendiary Fires.

Trenton, N. J., March 4.—Losses from fire aggregated \$230,000,000 in 1917 and were larger than in any previous year except one, 1906, in the nation's history, according to a communication received today by the New Jersey state council of defense from the council of national defense.

The San Francisco earthquake and conflagration occurred in 1906.

The rapidity with which fire losses are mounting is emphasized by the statement that the 1917 damage exceeded that of the previous year by \$30,000,000, when losses alone totaled \$30,000,000 more than in 1916.

The communication from the national council of national defense asserts that a particularly ominous feature of the situation is a recent great increase in the number of fires of incendiary origin in places where they were effective in discouraging industry, such as factories, warehouses, lumber yards and docks.

POKER PROFITEERS HIT HARD BY BLOW

Winnings Must Be Added but Losses Not Deducted From Income Tax Figures.

Washington, March 4.—Poker profiteers were hit today by the internal revenue bureau's informal ruling that earnings from the game were subject to the income tax but losses would not be deducted from income in figuring the tax. Thus there is a tax for the winner and no relief for the loser. The ruling was given to the following letter of inquiry:

"Kindly tell me whether poker losses are deductible from net income in figuring income taxes. I have lost large sums in the past year and the question with me is vital. For the information of a friend who has had good poker profits, please tell me whether these are to be included in income."

PARKVILLE NEGRO BOY HELD FOR ASSAULT

(Special to The News.)
Benton, March 4.—Charlie Cobb, an 18-year-old negro boy, has been lodged in jail at Benton, charged with criminally assaulting the small daughter of Joe Hanna near Parkville.

The negro's story is that he was chasing a squirrel in the woods and that the girl became frightened and thought he was after her. He denies any criminal intent or that attack. The girl has made no official statement.

GREENVILLE BOYS SPEND SUNDAY WITH PARENTS

Corporal W. O. Gilliam and Private K. V. Gilliam, of the 114th field artillery, at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., have come to Chattanooga to spend a furlough with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gilliam, 214 Cherry street. They arrived here on Sunday and will return to Greenville Wednesday. They are said to be well pleased with army life and with the treatment they have been receiving.

SOUTHERN PINE MEN TO BE HEARD MARCH 12

Washington, March 4.—Senator Fletcher, of Florida, chairman of the senate commerce committee, investigating the shipping situation, has set March 12 as the date for hearing statements from representatives of the Southern Pine association regarding the supply of timber or the wooden ship building program.

THREE KILLED AND FOUR HURT IN BOILER EXPLOSION

Providence, R. I., March 4.—Three persons killed and four others injured today by an explosion of the boiler in the Mount Pleasant laundry building here.

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